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Report Highlights:

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published a draft document amending the CU sanitary requirements. The amendment clarifies that ascorbic acid in the section on food additives of the requirements is a substance for treatment of flour. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting August 29, 2014, and ending October 28, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following draft document on its website:

- [On Amending Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision \(Control\)](#)

In particular, the document clarifies that ascorbic acid in section 22 “Requirements for safety of food additives and flavorings” is a substance for treatment of flour.

An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft document can be found below. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting August 29, 2014, and ending October 28, 2014.

Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA’s enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). USDA, in turn, will share collected comments/concerns with the Eurasian Economic Commission.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COLLEGIUM**

DECISION

«__» _____ 20 **No.**

On Amending Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control)

The Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **decided:**

1. To amend Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control) approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 299 of May 28, 2010, in accordance with the attachment.
2. The present Decision shall come into force 30 calendar days after its official publication.

Chairman
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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ANNEX
to Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
of _____ 2014 No. _____

AMENDMENTS
to Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements
for Goods subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Supervision (Control)

1. In Annex No. 2 “List of Food Additives Allowed for Use in the Production of Food Products” of Section 22 “Requirements for Safety of Food Additives and Flavorings” the column “Technological Functions” for the line “E 300 Ascorbic Acid” shall be supplemented with the following citation “substance for treatment of flour” and read as follows:

E 300	Ascorbic acid, L- (ASCORBIC ASID, L-)	Antioxidant, substance for treatment of flour
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